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EPA "watchdogs" want Troy volunteers

The citizens board of "watchdogs" who oversee the cleanup of asbestos contamination in south Lincoln County would like Troy residents to become involved in the board.

The Libby Area Technical Assistance Group (TAG) has been established to help area residents understand the complexities of re-

moving asbestos contamination from homes and businesses. The TAG, which operates on a \$50,000 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, meets regularly to assess the work and administrative processes of the EPA and the contractors that have been hired to do the work.

The Troy area is considered one

of the "operable units" of the Libby asbestos Superfund cleanup site, and private properties in Troy will ultimately be tested for asbestos contamination and cleaned up.

The TAG board has hired Gordon Sullivan of Libby as its technical advisor. Sullivan's job it is to study the EPA cleanup processes and procedures, and answer questions for persons whose homes, businesses and properties are going to be cleaned up.

On March 11, 2004, at the public meeting of the Community Advisory Group, Sullivan said that the Troy area needs to be represented on the TAG board because Troy is a part of the cleanup.

"The EPA refers to the TAG as its 'watchdog' group," Sullivan said. "We need people from Troy with us."

Any Troy residents who would like to learn more about serving on the TAG board can call Sullivan at 293-8496, or TAG board member Gayla Benefield, 293-5535.